



September 20, 2001

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Todd Barrett for "METHOD FOR PROVIDING VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATION"
Our Ref: 1092-PA428

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation in Part Application of pending prior Application No. 09/846,879 filed 4/30/2001, entitled "OPTICAL CROSS CONNECT SWITCH."

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed are fifty-eight (58) pages of the specification, including the claims, and twelve (12) sheets of drawings.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>37</u> - 20 = <u>17</u> x \$9 = \$ 153.00*
Independent claims	<u>4</u> - 3 = <u>1</u> x \$40 = \$ 40.00*
Base Fee	\$ 355.00*
TOTAL FILING FEE	\$ 548.00*

A check for the statutory fee of \$548.00 is NOT attached.

***Small Entity Statement:** The undersigned, as attorney of record on behalf of Applicant, hereby verifies that Applicant qualifies as a small entity pursuant to 37

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C.F.R. § 1.27, and so is entitled to a one-half reduction in applicable fees in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certification under 37 CFR 1.10

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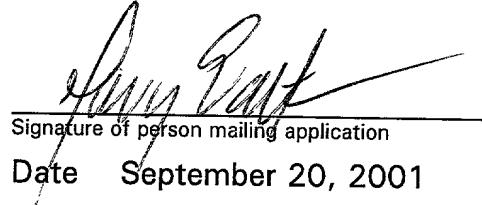
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Date of Deposit

I hereby certify that this application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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